

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inter. App. No.	:	<b>PCT/AU2005/000343</b>
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For	:	<b>Securing Elements To Pipes Or Tubes</b>
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Group Art Unit	:	<b>Unknown</b>

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above captioned U.S. National Phase Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.